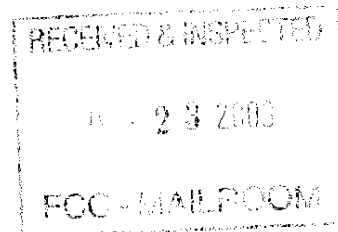




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Re: Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support
Annual Certification Filing
CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, study area 230505 (North Carolina), will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company and study area named above.

Sincerely,

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Financial Operations Manager

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